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EBARC Meeting

August 10, 2007
7:30 p.m.

Interim Election
"Swain's Island DXpedition"
Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets the second Friday of each month
at the Salvation Army, 4600 Appian Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.
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August Program

Ron Smith, KE6RS

Find out what happened behind the scene during the April 2007 DXPedition to Swains Island. Alan, K6SRZ, will be our presenter on August 10 and will speak about the N8S operation. The Swains Island DXPediton web page is at:
<http://www.yt1ad.info/n8s/index.html>

Election of Interim Officer(s)

EBARC Secretary Burgie Jones, KE6MSF, has resigned for scheduling reasons. We thank her profusely for her service so far! To replace her for the remainder of 2007, our *Constitution and ByLaws* requires that we have an interim election. This election will happen at the August 10th general meeting. The only nominee so far is Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF. If Randy is elected as Secretary, it will leave a Board vacancy for 2nd Vice President (in charge of Hospitality, aka food for meetings). If this should happen, there will be a second election to fill this position. So far, the only 2nd VP nominee is "Texx" Woodworth, KG6ATH.

If you wish to run for either Secretary or 2nd Vice President (should this office become vacant), please contact President Jack Burris, K6JEB. Additional nominees will be accepted from the floor on election night.

Treasurer's Report

July, 2007

Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer

JULY INCOME

New Member:	Joe Fisher, K5EJL.....	\$25.00
Coffee Kitty.....		<u>18.06</u>
Total July Income.....		\$43.06

JULY DISBURSEMENTS

Blown Fuse Printing	\$27.21
Blown Fuse Postage	19.27
Field Day Flyers (S. Primbsch).....	5.22
AT&T (W6CUS phone).....	<u>18.49</u>
Total July Disbursements.....	\$70.19

BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

Checking (General Fund)	\$4,801.47
Savings (Station Fund*)	\$2,993.41

*\$560 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

General Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2007

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jack Burris at 19:37 hrs. Twenty-eight members or guests were present.

President Jack Burris, reported the resignation of Gayle "Burgie" Jones as Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

Station Manager, Stanton Gleason, reported that the club station was still fine. Stanton would like to try to do a practice emergency activation of the station. Stanton is still working on getting a railing up on the ramp.

First Vice President, Ron Smith, was absent.

Second Vice President, Randy Jenkins, reported on public service events taking place in August in Marin.

Third Vice President, Sharon Primbsch, reported that *The Blown Fuse* was doing fine. As membership chairman, Sharon asked that the guests introduce themselves, and the assembled company follow suit. Guests present were Mark O'Brien, KG6SYD; and Ron Fisher, K5EJL.

Field Day Chairman, Peter Hoffman, reported on this year's Field Day activity. While contacts were down a little bit this year, preliminary tallies show around 5800 points this year.

Treasurer Gordon Parsons reported \$59.36 in income for June, and \$113.65 in disbursements. The bank balances were reported as \$4828.17 in checking and \$2992.84 in the station fund, including \$560 in the roofing fund.

Board Member Bob Bowling reported that the 40 m phased-array antenna had worked well at Field Day.

President Burris reported that tonight's program would be given by Kirsten McIntyre, K6WX on HF operating; August's program would be by Alan Eshelman, K6SRZ, on the Swain's Island DXpedition; and September's program would be by Dean Straw on contesting.

President Burris commented on the success of our Field Day activity, and particularly singled out the operation of the GOTA station.

Texx Woodworth commented on several points including the need to begin planning for a crab feed next winter, on the status of the buildings that housed the club station, and on the ARRL efforts to mitigate the effect of interference on the Air Force radar system by 70 cm repeater operations.

Sharon Primbsch reminded everybody that there would be a VE exam in Oakland on July 22nd.

New Business: President Jack Burris announced that the Board of Directors had voted to spend up to \$1500 to replace the roof on the club station with a target completion date of no later than September 21, 2008. Donations of material and labor from the membership or others will be welcomed. In this regard, the Board had determined to hold a fundraiser, possibly a crab feed, with the proceeds go towards club station roof fund. Jack also reported that the Board suggested that EBARC have a table at this year's Pacificon convention. This would require several club members manning the table. Jack commented on the lawsuit by the ARRL against the FCC over the ongoing inaction regarding interference from BPL.

The CCCC / EBARC picnic was reported to be scheduled for Sunday, September 16 at Miller-Knox Park. It was reported that the costs of the picnic would be shared between the two clubs.

Peter Hoffman commented that the Board had also proved the purchase of new tents for Field Day at a cost not to exceed \$600.

The question of nomination for Secretary was brought before the membership. Randy Jenkins said that he would take the Secretary's job if someone else would take over as Second Vice President. Peter Gaposhkin suggested Texx Woodworth as Second Vice President. No action was taken at the meeting to fill the vacancy.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 2010 hrs. A presentation on Basic HF Operating was given by Kristen McIntyre, K6WX.

EBARC Roster Update

- **NEW MEMBER:** Joe Fisher, K5EJL, has an Extra license. He lives at 5709 Coventry Ln., Austin TX, 78723. He spends part of his year in the Bay Area, and was an awesome CW operator at this year's Field Day. You can reach him at k5ejl@arrl.net or 512-926-4689.
- **UPGRADE:** Peter Conrad, KI6KPA, now has a General license. Congratulations!
- **UPGRADE:** Keith Nowell, KG6VLY, now has a General license. Congratulations!

Future Bay Area Events

- EBARC/4Cs Picnic – Sun., Sept. 17th.
- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert 925-560-5646 (h). More info at www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html
- South Bay Electronics Flea Market, 2nd Saturday of each month, March through October, De Anza College, Cupertino. Details at www.asvaro.org. Talk-in on 145.27 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL).
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. The remaining session for 2007 will be Sunday Oct. 28th. Exams are held in the 2nd floor conference room of the Kaiser Building, 1950 Franklin, Oakland (1 block from the 19th St. BART station). The 2007 fee (and retest fee) remains at \$14. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details, RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

East Bay Section News Ti Michelle Connelly, NJ6T

[excerpt] Call for Ham volunteers - September 16 Oakland Bike ride support...

The bike ride fundraiser, *Bike Against the Odds*, is looking for SAG drivers and Amateur Radio communications. This year's event will be on Sunday, September 16, from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., starting at Lake Merritt. Please reply to Mike, KB6MP, via email: mpompa@inbox.com for more information, or to volunteer.

There are four overlapping routes ranging from 30 to 100 miles in Oakland, Moraga, Orinda, Berkeley, and Lafayette. So, ham drivers with mobile rigs are mostly needed. APRS will be used, if available. Of course, with rest stops and the main event at Lake Merritt, there are plenty of opportunities for HT-equipped volunteers to help with communications.

Lunch is provided to all volunteers. Partial day shifts are possible.

FCC Responds to ARRL's BPL Brief [excerpt from ARRL Letter 07/06/2007]

On Monday, July 2, the FCC filed its reply brief with the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The FCC attempted to rebut the ARRL's challenge to the FCC's Broadband over Power Line (BPL) rules enacted in late 2004 and affirmed by the agency in 2006. According to ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, "The FCC's brief does not accurately describe ARRL's arguments concerning harmful interference..."

Imlay said the ARRL has asked the Court to order the FCC to "rethink the rules governing BPL and for the first time to take into account the evidence on the record concerning harmful interference to Amateur Radio." ARRL's reply brief is due for filing with the Court July 28, 2007. There is no date set yet for oral argument before the three-judge panel in Washington, DC.

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$25 for individual membership, \$30 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, call (510) 233-7509, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page www.eastbayarc.org, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond. The packet station, W6CUS-1, is on 145.630 Mhz, and is linked to the EAST BAY LAN (EBAY) on 223.720 Mhz.

2007 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

Jack Burris, K6JEB, President	415-305-2547
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AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO RACES/ARES Net	Thurs	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Tech Net	Thurs	2000 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Northern Calif. Net VHF Session	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"Going Home Group"	Mo-Fr	1600 (PL 82.5-)	145.110

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